# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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INDO CHINA BOUNDARY DISPUTE
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the first phase of the talks to resolve Indo-China border dispute has recently been over;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof;

(c) the details of the disputed territory and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether during the recent visit of the Indian Prime Minister to Philippines, the special representatives of India and China were asked to carry out the task of identifying specific issues about the Indo-Chinese boundary dispute and to carry forward the talks thereon;

(e) if so, the progress made by them so far alongwith the course of action chalked out by them;

(f) the details of venue and agenda finalized for the next meeting for resolving the border dispute; and

(g) the time frame by which the dispute is likely to be resolved?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes.

(b) The signing of the Agreement on the Political Parameters and Guiding Principles on April 11, 2005 marked the completion of the first stage of negotiations between the Special Representatives of India and China on the boundary question.

(c) China continues to be in illegal occupation of approximately 38,000 square kilometres in the Indian State of Jammu & Kashmir. In addition, under the so-called Sino-Pakistan Boundary Agreement of 1963, Pakistan illegally ceded 5,180 square kilometres of Indian territory in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir to China. China illegally claims approximately 90,000 square kilometres of Indian territory in the Eastern Sector. In the Middle Sector, China illegally claims about 2000 square kilometres of Indian territory.

(d) Yes.

(e)-(f) The ninth round of talks between the Special Representatives of India and China was held in New Delhi from January 16 to 18, 2007. The two Special Representatives continued their discussions on a framework for the boundary settlement on the basis of the Agreement on the Political Parameters and Guiding Principles for the Settlement of India-China Boundary Question. Both sides agreed to hold the next round of talks between the Special Representatives at a mutually convenient time which will be decided through the diplomatic channel.

(g) Both sides are pursuing an early settlement of the boundary question as a strategic objective.